

Transition Trackers

Sort words that show order or add details.

4W2.d "Use transitional words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SHOWS ORDER

Order transitions tell when events or steps happen. They help readers follow a sequence.

At the beginning, a sculptor chose a block of clay.

ADDS DETAILS

Detail transitions add another fact about the same topic. They help readers learn more.

Furthermore, glaciers can carve wide valleys.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag that names each transition, then choose two items and explain what each transition helps the reader understand.

1. **Next**, the mechanic checked the bicycle brakes.

ORDER

DETAILS

2. **In addition**, desert tortoises rest in burrows during hot days.

ORDER

DETAILS

3. **For example**, many birds build nests in spring.

ORDER

DETAILS

4. **Finally**, Mia placed the seeds in the soil.

ORDER

DETAILS

5. **Before that**, the chef washed the carrots.

ORDER

DETAILS

6. **Also**, the library has books in many languages.

ORDER

DETAILS

7. **Then**, the class measured the bean plants.

ORDER

DETAILS

8. **Afterward**, the dancers bowed to the audience.

ORDER

DETAILS

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with an order transition and one new sentence with a detail transition.

ORDER _____

DETAILS _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about one topic, using an order transition in one sentence and a detail transition in the other sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Next , the mechanic checked the bicycle brakes.	ORDER	Next signals the following step in a sequence.
2	In addition , desert tortoises rest in burrows during hot days.	DETAILS	In addition adds another fact about desert tortoises.
3	For example , many birds build nests in spring.	DETAILS	For example introduces a supporting detail.
4	Finally , Mia placed the seeds in the soil.	ORDER	Finally signals the last step.
5	Before that , the chef washed the carrots.	ORDER	Before that signals an earlier step.
6	Also , the library has books in many languages.	DETAILS	Also adds another fact about the library.
7	Then , the class measured the bean plants.	ORDER	Then signals the next event.
8	Afterward , the dancers bowed to the audience.	ORDER	Afterward signals what happened later.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ORDER: Later**, the pilot checked the map.
- **DETAILS: Besides that**, coral reefs provide homes for many fish.

Challenge: First, the team mixed blue and yellow paint. In addition, they spread newspaper across the floor.

Answers: 1 ORDER, 2 DETAILS, 3 DETAILS, 4 ORDER, 5 ORDER, 6 DETAILS, 7 ORDER, 8 ORDER. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly state whether the transition shows sequence or adds a fact.